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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE OF THE ENTENTE CHIEF OF STATES

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SUMMARY: PRESIDENTS LAMIZANA OF UPPER VOLTA, EYEDEMA OF TOGO, KOUNTCHE OF NIGER AND MINISTER OHOUENS (FOR PRESIDENT KEREKOU) OF DAHOMEY MET WITH IVORY COAST PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY ON NOVEMBER 24 AND 25 AT YAMOUSSOUKRO FOR A SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF THE ENTENTE COUNCIL. ECONOMIC ISSUES PREDOMINATED THE DISCUSSIONS: ASSISTANCE TO SMALL ENTERPRISES, LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT, CEREAL PRODUCTION AND AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT

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THROUGH THE ENTENTE MUTUAL AID AND GUARANTEE FUND. END  
SUMMARY

1. A FINAL JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED NOVEMBER 26 ON THE PREVIOUS TWO-DAY MEETING OF THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF THE ENTENTE--HOUPHOUET OF IVORY COAST, WHO HOSTED THE MEETING, KOUNTCHE OF NIGER, WHO IS PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE ENTENTE, LAMIZANA OF UPPER VOLTA, EYADEMA OF TOGO AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND LEGISLATION OHOUENS, REPRESENTING PRESIDENT KEREKOU OF DAHOMEY.

2. THE COMMUNIQUE WAS SHORT AND RATHER SPARSE IN ITS EXPLANATION OF THE PREVIOUS TWO-DAY MEETING. THE AGENDA WAS REPORTED AS ONE DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF CATTLE AND MEAT, GRAINS AND DEVELOPMENT LOANS THROUGH THE MUTUAL AID AND LOAN GUARANTY FUND. AFTER DISCUSSING WORLD POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY RELATED TO AFRICA, THE CHIEFS ADOPTED A NEW UNSPECIFIED METHOD OF INTERNAL REPAYMENT WITHIN THE MUTUAL AID AND LOAN GUARANTY FUND.

3. THE MAJOR EMPHASIS OF THE COMMUNIQUE WAS THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY KAYA TO "LEAD" THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH USAID IN LIAISON WITH COMPETENT SERVICES OF THE MEMBER STATES TO SECURE A TWENTY MILLION DOLLAR LOAN NECESSARY FOR THE SECOND PHASE OF THE ENTENTE PROGRAMS OF ANIMAL BREEDING, AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND THE PROMOTION OF AFRICAN ENTERPRISES.

4. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO MENTIONED A POSSIBLE FOUR MILLION DOLLAR GRANT DESTINED FOR ANIMAL BREEDING PROJECTS IN UPPER VOLTA AND NIGER, AND REAFFIRMED THE CONTINUATION OF THE ENTENTE'S LIVESTOCK COMMUNITY (ELC) UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A LARGER INTER-AFRICAN ORGANIZATION CAN BECOME OPERATIONAL.

5. FINALLY THE PRESIDENTS OF NIGER AND UPPER VOLTA THANKED PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET FOR HIS PRIVATE INITIATIVES AT ORGANIZING THE IVORIAN PRIVATE SECTOR'S AID TO THE VICTIMS OF THE DROUGHT.

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6. COMMENT: WE ARE CONCERNED BY THE PAUCITY OF INFORMATION IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE. IT MAKES US WONDER IF THERE WAS FAILURE TO REACH MINIMAL NECESSARY AGREEMENT. REDSO DIRECTOR HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH ADMIN SEC KAYA ON NOVEMBER 27 AND WILL REPORT FURTHER.  
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